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## Highlights

- Cattle on Feed • Dairy Products
- Floriculture
- Egg Production • Ag Exports • Prices

## Manufactured dairy products: Annual, Oregon, 2002 - 2003

Item	Annual	Reporting Plants
	1,000 pounds	Number
Cottage Cheese:		
Curd		
2002	3,090	5
2003	3,580	5
Creamed		
2002	2,590	4
2003	2,935	4
Low fat		
2002	3,057	5
2003	3,485	5
Total American Cheese <sup>1/</sup>		
2002	94,160	4
2003	100,619	3
Ice Cream Mix		
2002	6,408	9
2003	7,398	8
Total Ice Cream <sup>2/</sup>		
2002	12,197	9
2003	14,014	8
Low fat ice cream mix <sup>3/</sup>		
2002	2,623	9
2003	2,500	8

1/ Excluding Cottage Cheese.

2/ Includes milkshake mix

3/ Includes hard, soft-serve, and freezer made milkshake.

Dear Oregon Farmers and Ranchers:

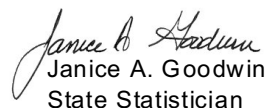
Each year at this time, the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service contacts over 2,000 farmers and ranchers in the State to ask basic information on the number of crop acres planted, quantity of crops in storage, and livestock inventories. The results released in late June and early July on our website and in hardcopy provide a preview of the upcoming crop year for Oregon's agricultural industry.

Timely, accurate, and unbiased information is more important than ever as agriculture faces continued challenges—flat or declining commodity prices combined with higher input costs for such items as ag labor and energy, stiff global competition, reductions in the number of food processors in the State, environmental regulations and water rights issues, and in some locations in Oregon, there is even a shortage of affordable tillable land available for rent or purchase.

A representative of the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service may be contacting you between May 29 and June 14 to ask for your help. Your voluntary cooperation is much appreciated as it will help us provide accurate results used to benefit Oregon agriculture. It will only take a few minutes of your time. As always, the individual information provided for our surveys is kept confidential and only used in summary with other reports to provide State and national level totals.

We are asking for your assistance on this upcoming effort as we strive to provide good results for Oregon and make sure that our unique agricultural industry is properly represented in the national report. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

  
Janice A. Goodwin  
State Statistician

## March Egg Production Up 1 Percent

U.S. egg production totaled 7.53 billion during March 2004, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2004 averaged 341 million, up slightly from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,209 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2003.

March 2004 contained 23 weekdays, four Saturdays compared to March 2003 which contained 21 weekdays, and five Saturdays.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up Slightly

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.75 million head on April 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2003 and 7 percent below April 1, 2002. The inventory included 6.62 million steers and steer calves, down 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.06 million head, up 4 percent from 2003.

**Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 8 percent below 2002. Net

placements were 1.74 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 347,000, 600-699 pounds were 346,000, 700-799 pounds were 641,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 470,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million, 9 percent above 2003 and 8 percent above 2002.

**Other disappearance** totaled 67,000 during March, 8 percent above 2003 and 3 percent below 2002.

### Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots, United States, April 1, 2002-2004

Item	Number			2004
	2002	2003	2004	2003
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
On feed Mar 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,518	10,546	10,977	104
Placed on feed during March	1,953	2,032	1,804	89
Fed cattle marketed during March	1,825	1,803	1,966	109
Other disappearance during March <sup>2/</sup>	69	62	67	108
On feed April 1 <sup>1/</sup>	11,577	10,713	10,748	100

<sup>1/</sup> Cattle & calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### Agricultural exports from United States: Top destinations, 2003

The total value of agricultural exports from the U.S was \$59.6 billion for calendar year 2003, up 12 percent from 2002. These top 30 destinations accounted for 90.1 percent of that total.

Country	Percent of total value	Country	Percent of total value
Canada	15.6	Spain	1.4
Japan	15.0	Oceania	1.4
Mexico	13.3	Philippines	1.1
China, Peoples Republic	8.4	Thailand	1.1
Korea, Republic of	4.8	Belgium/Luxembourg	1.1
Taiwan	3.4	Australia	1.0
Caribbean Islands	2.7	Russian Federation	1.0
Central America	2.2	Columbia	0.9
Netherlands	1.9	Italy	0.8
Hong Kong	1.9	Dominican Republic	0.7
United Kingdom	1.7	Israel	0.7
Germany	1.7	France	0.7
Egypt	1.7	Saudia Arabia	0.6
Indonesia	1.7	Brazil	0.6
Turkey	1.5	Venezuela	0.6

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Foreign Agricultural Trade of the U.S.

## Oregon floriculture value of sales up 9 percent in 2003

Oregon's 321 commercial floriculture growers produced \$102 million worth of wholesale floriculture crops in 2003, up 9 percent from 2002. Of the 321 growers, 94 reported sales in excess of \$100,000 and contributed 91 percent of the total value of Oregon's wholesale floriculture sales. In 2003, Oregon ranked 14th in the Nation in wholesale value of production, accounting for 2 percent of the total.

### Floriculture crops: Area, sales and value, by types, Oregon, 2002-2003 <sup>1/ 2/</sup>

Types	Number of Producers		Plants sold					Wholesale value	
	2002	2003	Unit	5 inches or More		Total		2002	2003
				2002	2003	2002	2003		
	Number	Number		1,000 units	1,000 units	1,000 units	1,000 units	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
<b>Cut flowers:</b>									
Iris	3	3	Stems	--	--	632	526	111	115
Other cut flowers	17	17	Stems	--	--	--	--	4,356	3,907
<b>Potted flowering plants:</b>									
Finished florist azaleas	10	7	Pots	2,408	2,034	3,966	3,322	14,274	13,694
Poinsettias	26	28	Pots	384	389	450	455	2,440	2,434
Spring bulbs	15	21	Pots	77	72	332	336	725	684
Other potted flowering plants	11	15	Pots	120	150	269	336	635	828
<b>Bedding/garden flats:</b>									
Begonias	20	21	Flats	--	--	35	100	381	966
Geraniums (cutting)	10	11	Flats	--	--	32	41	732	752
Geraniums (seed)	7	--	Flats	--	--	15	--	241	--
Impatiens	29	34	Flats	--	--	108	117	1,065	1,127
Marigolds	27	35	Flats	--	--	106	120	1,068	1,220
New Guinea Impatiens	7	8	Flats	--	--	3	4	36	53
Pansy/Viola	24	27	Flats	--	--	154	147	1,714	1,596
Petunias	30	39	Flats	--	--	210	236	2,392	2,643
Other flowering & foliar type	28	30	Flats	--	--	538	587	6,069	6,498
Vegetable type	23	29	Flats	--	--	159	145	1,342	1,282
<b>Potted bedding/garden pots:</b>									
Begonias	22	28	Pots	16	15	161	256	220	324
Hardy/garden mums	25	31	Pots	132	193	310	519	524	781
Geraniums (cuttings)	28	35	Pots	61	68	844	1,008	1,512	1,753
Geraniums (seed)	7	10	Pots	--	--	108	121	124	127
Impatiens	20	26	Pots	6	5	270	451	216	366
Marigolds	23	25	Pots	--	5	408	672	298	490
Petunias	26	29	Pots	26	23	591	1,597	570	1,351
Pansy/Viola	25	27	Pots	--	--	1,344	2,129	922	1,448
New Guinea Impatiens	20	26	Pots	--	6	126	128	194	203
Other flowering & foliar type	28	32	Pots	313	290	3,164	3,688	4,274	4,060
Vegetable type	21	23	Pots	321	276	1,043	2,688	1,054	2,131
<b>Hanging baskets:</b>									
Begonias	14	19	Baskets	--	--	18	25	180	271
Geraniums (Cuttings)	24	32	Baskets	--	--	43	44	472	499
Impatiens	20	22	Baskets	--	--	14	15	135	140
New Guinea Impatiens	14	15	Baskets	--	--	19	19	190	213
Petunias	21	27	Baskets	--	--	22	28	227	299
Other flowering & foliar type	30	35	Baskets	--	--	202	210	2,095	2,132
<b>Cut cultivated greens</b>	11	13	--	--	--	--	--	5,430	6,292
<b>Oregon Total</b>	86	94	--	--	--	--	--	84,564	93,074
<b>All Oregon Total <sup>3/</sup></b>	335	321	--	--	--	--	--	93,669	101,969

1/ Operations with \$100,000 + sales. 2/ Includes revisions for 2002. 3/ Includes operations with sales of less than \$100,000.

### Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Apr 2003	U.S. prices Apr 15 2004 <sup>1/</sup>	Oregon		
			Apr 2003	Mar 2004 <sup>2/</sup>	Apr 15 2004 <sup>1/</sup>
Crops:					
Wheat, bu . . . . .	\$ 3.37	3.82	3.39	3.88	4.02
Barley, bu . . . . .	\$ 2.85	2.73	2.51	2.30	2.45
Oats, bu . . . . .	\$ 1.98	1.63	--	1.99	--
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton . . . . .	\$ 96.50	92.70	90.00	*96.00	95.00
Hay, All Baled, ton . . . . .	\$ 92.90	89.60	90.00	*96.00	95.00
Potatoes, cwt . . . .	\$ 6.94	7.19	7.25	6.65	6.75
Onions, fr, cwt . . .	\$ 39.30	15.20	--	--	--
Sweet corn, fr. cwt	\$ 14.90	23.20	--	--	--
Pears, fr. ton . . . .	\$ 367.00	363.00	--	--	--
Apples, fr. lbs . . . .	\$ .234	.299	--	--	--
Strawberries, fr. lbs	\$ .695	.495	--	--	--
Livestock/products:					
Steers/heifers, cwt.	\$ 78.80	89.70	79.00	93.00	94.30
Slaughter cows . . .	\$ 40.20	49.00	40.70	46.50	46.70
Calves, cwt . . . . .	\$ 98.90	116.00	93.50	104.00	106.00
Lambs, cwt . . . . .	\$ 93.70	--	86.50	93.00	--
Sheep, cwt . . . . .	\$ 31.10	--	34.00	36.00	--
All milk sold to plants, cwt . . . . .	\$ 11.00	18.00	--	--	--
Fat test . . . . . %	.367	3.66	--	--	--
Eggs, doz . . . . .	\$ .686	.769	--	--	--

1/ Mid-month. 2/ Entire month. \* Mid-month price.

### United States feed ratios

Feed ratios	Apr 2001	Apr 2002	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004
Broiler feed	7.9	5.5	4.8	*5.0	5.0
Hog-corn	25.3	16.6	14.9	*17.2	15.7
Milk feed	3.29	2.81	2.25	*2.80	3.11

\* Revised.

### Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Apr 2003	Apr 2004	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004
All farm products	703	737	119	*125	123
All crops	714	699	127	*127	124
Livestock & prod.	664	884	91	*119	119

\*Revised.

### United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Apr 2003	Apr 2004	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004
Prices rcvd	640	787	101	*121	124
Prices paid <sup>1/</sup>	1,699	1,776	128	*133	133
Ratio <sup>2/</sup>	38	44	79	*91	93

\* Revised.

1/ Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

2/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14=100 base is the parity ratio.

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These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year; changes can be volatile from month to month. For more, see [www.nass.usda.gov/or/es.htm](http://www.nass.usda.gov/or/es.htm).

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